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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAPAROSCOPIC AORTIC REPAIR BY  
INTRAVASCULAR DEVICES

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**SUPPLEMENTAL REPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 31, 2008 and supplemental to the Response filed earlier on this date, which Response had a typographical error in denoting the elected Group as Group I, instead of the correct Group **II**. However, the identification of claims elected, as repeated below were correct therein and as further stated herein.

Applicant elects the invention of Group **II**, identified as claims 10-26 drawn to a stapler for laparoscopic aortic repair.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in non-elected claims. Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If communication is filed after the statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition enclosed, Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Respectfully submitted,



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